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REMARKS

Applicants hereby affirm the election made on August 11, 2005 of Group II, claims 12-14, without traverse.

Claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Masutani et al., U.S. Patent Number 5836834. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to include dimensions to the diameter and depth of the recessed regions in the core or intermediate ball assembly, support for which is found in paragraphs [0060] through [0064] of the Specification, specifically paragraphs [0060] and [0061]. Each of the recessed regions in the core or intermediate ball assembly are formed by each of at least two projections and the recessed regions will assume an inverse form of the projections. Thus, a recessed region having a diameter ranging from 0.020 inch to 0.160 inch will correspond to a cylindrical projection having a diameter ranging from 0.020 inch to 0.160 inch. Further, a recessed region having a depth ranging from 0.005 inch to 0.135 inch will correspond to a projection extending from 0.005 inch to 0.135 inch from a surface of the mold cavity.

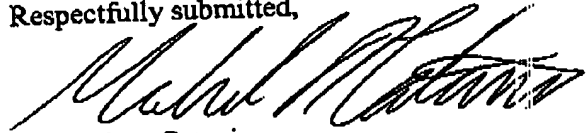
Masutani fails to disclose an apparatus for forming such recessed regions. The apparatus of Masutani forms a component with projections that account for 5 to 40% of the plane area. Further, Masutani is directed at providing a golf ball capable of giving a player different feels on impact depending on the direction of an external force applied to the ball. The present invention is specifically directed at an apparatus for providing a RIM covered golf ball with greater concentricity.

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Thus, it is believed that the amended claims of the present invention are allowable of the prior art. The Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

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